## Three Day Training Programme on "Sandal Based Agroforestry Models" for Subject Matter Specialists From KVK's of Karnataka and Goa at IWST, Bangalore

A three day training programme on "SANDAL BASED AGROFORESTRY MODELS" is being organized, from the 6<sup>th</sup> of January to the 8<sup>th</sup> of January for subject matter specialists from 30 KVK's of Karnataka and 2 KVK's of Goa. The basic objective of conducting this programme is to establish linkages between the VVK's and KVK's of ICAR, which has a rich experience in extension activities and is also extensively distributed in all the states. This linking of VVK's with KVK's will bring two major sections namely, agriculture and forestry on a common platform and will further help in addressing livelihood issues and environmental issue of our country.

With the relaxation of rules on sandalwood cultivation and propagation by the Karnataka Government, cultivation of sandal wood especially as an agro forestry crop is fast catching up among farmers. Reaching out to farmers regarding the possibility of Sandalwood as an agro forestry crop in the need of the hour and with the help of KVK's in Karnataka, the dissemination of information can be done efficiently.

This forms the basis for organising the three day training programme on "Sandalwood based agro forestry models" suitable for farmers of Karnataka from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of Jan. Subject matter specialist from all over Karnataka and Goa would be participating in the programme. Dr. Sairam, Principal Scientist, ZPD has been invited as the Chief Guest for the inaugural function.







